#### BOND PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008
ANDREWS SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

### **Minutes**

#### **Present**

Committee: William Estrella, Marjorie McBride, Paul Silva, William O'Dell, Paul Brule, Diana Campbell, David Dugan, Karen Lynch and John Saviano

Administration: Edward Mara, Jane Correia and George Simmons

William Estrella called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

## **Project Update and Status Review**

Bill Estrella confirmed that on Wednesday, the students will be in. The maintenance staff has gone over and above. On behalf of the whole community we have to put together some kind of recognition. Marjorie McBride added that without such cooperation we would not have completed both Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews and we have to do something for the Towns.

ACTION: Bill Estrella appointed Marjorie McBride, Diana Campbell,

Ed Mara, Jane Correia and Tracey McGee to develop something for the open house and find some way to show the community spirit.

Bill said Lusi Construction, our staff and all involved have done a phenomenal job. The Certificate of Occupancy will be issued by the end of the day tomorrow. The fire marshal cut his vacation short for this project. Some things will not be finished but the building will be ready for students. The Subcommittee will meet over the next weeks and the full Committee only when necessary.

Diana Campbell commended Tracey McGee, who has done a phenomenal job and has kept a cool head.

Review and Approval of Payment Applications and Change Orders

Contractor's Payment Application #10

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to approve Contractor's Payment Application #10 in the amount of \$1,454,594. David Dugan seconded. Marjorie mentioned a caveat from Christopher Daly to vote to pay this after Jim Farrar and Andrew Henneous look at two things. Karen Lynch would like assurance that all remaining work is done to our satisfaction and without disruption to the functioning of the school. Paul Brule confirmed that there are still payments to be made. Bill Estrella said he is actually asking for the authority to sign the application when it is completed.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

**Architect's Payment Application #9** 

This request totals \$19,689.

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to table because of some issues. Bill O'Dell seconded. Bill Estrella commented that this request is for construction administration costs only; this will not impact the Certificate of Occupancy.

The Committee's feelings were mixed on this issue:

- Marjorie McBride: The architect did this work and is entitled to this money; the Project Manager approved it.
- Karen Lynch: An Executive Session is needed to learn the details.
- Bill O'Dell: Would we still have sufficient leverage if this is paid?
- Diana Campbell: "No clue how to vote."
- John Saviano: Issue is very vague; we should have another meeting in a week with the architect present.

The motion to table failed by a vote of 4 to 5 with Karen Lynch, Paul Silva, Paul Brule and John Saviano voting yes, and Bill Estrella, Marjorie McBride, Bill O'Dell, Diana Campbell and David Dugan voting no.

MOTION: Marjorie McBride motioned to approve Architect's Payment Application #9; David Dugan seconded.

Bill Estrella then announced a Bond Project Building Committee Meeting will be held on September 8 at 6:00 PM in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria; Attorney Henneous will be present. Agenda will include: 1) Update from the Subcommittee; 2) Discussion of

Architectural Services; and 3) Executive Session.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 6 to 3 with Karen Lynch, Paul Silva and Paul Brule voting no.

Outstanding payments to the Architect are approximately \$73,000.

MOTION: Bill O'Dell motioned to reconsider the vote; John Saviano seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Marjorie McBride opposed.

MOTION: Bill O'Dell motioned to amend the motion to include a caveat that the Architect has to appear at the next Bond Project Meeting on September 8 to answer questions. John Saviano seconded. The motion to amend failed by a vote of 4 to 5 with Bill Estrella, Bill O'Dell, Diana Campbell and John Saviano voting yes.

John Saviano suggested a list of questions for Luis be drawn up and given to him before the meeting so he can be prepared. All agreed. Diana Campbell commented that Luis has done a lot of work for us and he isn't going anywhere. David Dugan believes this payment should be made, he did the work and there is enough money left for leverage purposes.

The original motion, for reconsideration to approve, passed by a vote of 6 to 3 with Karen Lynch, Paul Silva and Paul Brule voting no.

Paul Brule commented that this Committee is "a contractor's dream."

Ed Mara will notify Attorney Henneous of issues that may come up and will send a letter to Luis Torrado.

Marjorie McBride will develop the list of questions for the Architect.

Once the Certificate of Occupancy is received the flow for punch list items/ issues is:

1) From teachers Tracey McGee George Simmons

Christopher Daly & Armand Lusi

- 2) From the School Committee Marjorie McBride
- 3) From Administration George Simmons

# **Next Meeting**

Monday, September 8, 2008, 6:00 PM, Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria

### **Adjournment**

Paul Silva motioned to adjourn at 8:06 PM; Diana Campbell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

